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Enclosed herewith are the following documents to complete the missing requirements in the above-identified application:

- 1) **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**, with 2 references and form SB/08B.
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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, information relating to the above-identified application is hereby disclosed, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on Form PTO/SB/08, submitted herewith.

Inclusion of the information submitted herewith is not to be construed as an admission that the information is material as that term is defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

- within three months of the filing date of the patent application.
- within three months of the date of entry into the national stage as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491 of the international application.
- before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
- after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, and accordingly is accompanied by:
 - the Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (see "Statement" below);
or
 - the Fee of \$180.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p); or
 - No fee is owed by the applicant(s).
- In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in connection with the first or second After Final Submission, and accordingly is accompanied by the Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) (see "Statement" below) and the fee of \$180.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), is attached.
- after the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, but before the payment of the Issue Fee, and accordingly is accompanied by the Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), (see "Statement," and "Fees" below).
- Copies of each of the non-U.S. Patent documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, are enclosed herewith.

EXCEPT THAT:

- In view of the voluminous nature of reference @@, and the likelihood that this reference is available to the Examiner, copies are not enclosed herewith.

- In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the following references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are not enclosed herewith because they were previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in patent application(s) for which a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 have been made in the instant application.
- If any of the foregoing publications are not available to the Examiner, Applicant will endeavor to supply copies at the Examiner's request.

Concise Explanation Requirement

- The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for reference B2 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:
 - the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
 - the explanation provided in the Specification.
 - submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
 - submission of the enclosed English-language version of a foreign Search Report and/or foreign Office Action..
 - the English-language abstract provided on the cover page of B2.

Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

- The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Fees

- No Fee is owed by the applicant(s).

The Information Disclosure Statement Fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.

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Attached is a check in the amount of \$_____ This form is submitted in duplicate.

Charge Deposit Account No. 03-1664 in the amount of \$180.00. This form is submitted in duplicate.

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No fee or Statement is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

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